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Status of Application
Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on May 8, 2008 was filed after the mailing date of the Final Rejection on March 12, 2008. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claims 1, 3, 6, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Qin et al., U.S. Patent 6,594,620 B1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Qin et al., U.S. Patent 6,594,620 B1 as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Almstead et al., U.S. Patent 6,499,114 B1.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 9 and 11-14 are allowed.

5. Claims 4, 5, 8, 17, and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Maskulinski whose telephone number is (571)272-3649. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on 571-272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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